

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: **VOTSMEIER, et al.** Examiner: NGUYEN, Tu Minh
Serial No.: 10/589,424 Group Art Unit: 3748
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For: *METHOD FOR DETERMINING THE INSTANT AT WHICH A
NITROGEN OXIDE STORAGE CATALYST IS SWITCHED FROM
THE STORAGE PHASE TO THE REGENERATION PHASE AND
FOR DIAGNOSING THE STORAGE PROPERTIES OF THIS
CATALYST*

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

This response is filed in reply to the Non-Final Office Action mailed on September 29, 2009 in connection with the above-identified application. Accordingly, the period set to reply to the Non-Final Office Action expires on December 29, 2009 and this reply is timely filed.